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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(b) TO SUBMIT DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF INVENTORS WHO CANNOT BE FOUND

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.47(b), Petitioner respectfully requests entry of the two (2) Declarations submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 on September 20, 2004. The two (2) Declarations submitted on September 20, 2004, sought to swear behind four (4) references cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated March 19, 2004. The first Declaration submitted on September 20, 2004, contained less than all of the signatures of the joint inventors. The second Declaration submitted on September 20, 2004, contained the signature of a representative of the assignee of all rights to the above-referenced application, the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and MPEP 715.04, the assignee or other party in interest may make a § 1.131 declaration where it is not possible to produce the declaration of the inventor.

The basis for this Petition is that not all of the numerous joint inventors could be located to execute the § 1.131 Declaration on September 20, 2004. Notwithstanding the Illinois 06/28/2005 SSITHIBI 00000011 09919594

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Department of Employment Security, and their attorneys,' diligent efforts, only twelve of the fifty-two joint inventors could be located to execute the subject Declaration.

It was impossible to obtain signatures from the remainder of the joint inventors. Joint inventor Raymond Jackson is deceased. The other joint inventors for whom no signatures were submitted were unreachable even after extensive effort by the undersigned attorney, James P. Muraff. These efforts were conducted and coordinated by Mr. Muraff, and utilized the services of attorneys Nicholas C. Pruhs, Reg. No. 52,136, and Thomas Burton, Reg. No. 47,464. In addition, the employers of the joint inventors at the time of invention were also utilized in attempting to obtain these declarations. The employers of the inventors during the relevant period were the assignee of the present application, the Illinois Department of Employment Security, and an outside contractor, Chicago Systems Group. Both of these employers cooperated in attempting to obtain all of the signatures from the joint inventors, but these extensive efforts were only partially successful. However, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131 and MPEP 715.04, the declaration of the assignee in conjunction with the declarations of less than all of the joint inventors is sufficient.

The present Petition is necessary to preserve the rights of the Illinois Department of Employment Security and to prevent irreparable harm to the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Thus, the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the assignee of the present application, hereby requests that the two (2) Declarations made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 on September 20, 2004, be accepted without the signatures of each of the inventors.

A check in the amount of \$130.00, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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